## **DUTIES OF THE CIVIL GRAND JURY**

The Civil Grand Jury consists of a panel of nineteen jurors plus three or more alternates. Jurors serve a one-year term from July 1 through June 30. The Presiding Judge may continue up to ten jurors into a second one-year term.

The selection process of a prospective Grand Juror begins with the submission of a completed nomination questionnaire to the Courts by the last working day of April. Between May and June, the Presiding Judge of the Tulare County Superior Courts, reviews the questionnaires and evaluates a prospective juror's qualifications as required by California Penal Code §893. Prospective jurors are then interviewed and their names are placed in a pool to be drawn by lot.

The California Supreme Court described the duties of the grand jury in a 1988 case called *McClatchy Newspapers v Superior Court, 44 Cal 3d 1162:* 

"The California grand jury has 3 basic functions: to weigh criminal charges and determine whether indictments should be returned (Penal Code §917); to weigh allegations of misconduct against public officials and determine whether to present formal accusations requesting their removal from office (Penal Code §922; and Government Code §3060 et seq.) and to act as the public's "watchdog" by investigation and reporting upon the affairs of local government (e.g. §§919, 925 et seq.) Of these functions, the watchdog role is by far the one most often played by the modern grand jury in California."

California Penal Code §919 (b) (c) states, "The Grand Jury shall inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county." It also states, "The Grand Jury shall inquire into the willful misconduct in office of public officers of every description within the county."

California Penal Code §925 states "The Grand Jury shall investigate and report on the operations, accounts, and records of the officers, departments, or functions of the county including those operations, accounts, and records of any special legislative district or other district in the county created pursuant to state law for which the officers of the county are serving in their ex-officio capacity as officers of the districts." It also states, "Investigations may be conducted on some selective basis each year."

## *2016*– *2017*

## TULARE COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY QUESTIONNAIRE

Pursuant to California Penal Code section 893, the following questions must be answered:

STATUT	ORY QUALI	FICATIONS: (Place a check in the appropriate box)				
$\square$ No	□ Yes	Are you a citizen of the United States?				
$\square$ No	$\square$ Yes	Are you eighteen years of age or older?				
□ No	□ Yes	Have been a resident of Tulare County for at least one year prior to the date of this application?				
□ No	☐ Yes	Are you in possession of your natural faculties? Are you of ordinary intelligence and of sound judgment and fair character?				
$\square$ No	☐ Yes	Do you possess a sufficient knowledge of the English language?				
STATUT	ORY DISQU	ALIFICATIONS: (Place a check in the appropriate box):				
$\square$ No	$\square$ Yes	Are you serving as a trial juror in any court of this State? If Yes, County				
□ No	$\square$ No $\square$ Yes Have you been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this State within one year prior to the date of this application? If Yes, County					
$\square$ No	□ Yes	Have you ever been convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime?				
$\square$ No	☐ Yes	Are you currently serving as an elected public official?				
Check on	ne: ( )	I am interested in serving on the Tulare County Civil Grand Jury for the fiscal year				
		2016-2017 and I understand the time commitment required				
	( )	I am unable to serve on the Grand Jury in 2016-2017				
	( )	I am unavailable at this time, but would like to be considered for term 2017/2018				
•	-	CATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS or you answered YES to any ICATIONS, you do not qualify. There is no need to continue or to return the				
IF QUALIFIED	, please conti	nue and complete the questionnaire, returning it to the address listed on Page 7.				
CALIFORNIA RUI {Please check the app		<b>Γ</b> , Rule 10.625, regarding certain demographic data relating to regular grand jurors. the following}				
(A) Age range, ple	ase check the ap	propriate box: □ 18-25 □ 26-34 □ 35-44 □ 45-54 □ 55-64 □ 65-74				
$\Box$ 75 and over (B	B) Gender:	□ Male □ Female				
(C) Please indica	te your ethnic	origin by circling one of the following (may select more than one):				
☐ American Indian	n or Alaska Na	ive 🗆 Asian 🗆 Black or African American 🗆 Hispanic/Latino				
""""Native Hawaiia	n'ther Pacific I	slander				

☐ Decline to Answer						
Place of Residence by Supervisorial District:   □ District	1 □ District 2 □	District 3				
THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS TO ASSIST THE JU OF NOMINEES WHICH FAIRLY REPRESENT SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT MAY SEED JUDGES THAT THE GROUP THEY NOMINAT REPRESENTS VARIOUS AGE GROUPS, ECO!	S A CROSS-SECTI M PERSONAL ARI ΓΕ, FROM WHICH	ON OF OUR COMMUNITY. E NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE THE FINAL NAMES WILL BE DRAWN,				
PLEASE	PRINT LEGIBLY					
1. Full Name: (Middle)	(Last)	Date of Birth:				
2. Address (Phys.):						
Address (Mail):						
Residence Phone: ( )						
Cell Phone: ( )	Fax Number: ( )					
Email Address:						
3. Occupation:						
Employer:						
If retired, previous occupation						
4. Can you afford the time required to be a Civil Grand Jur	or (approximately 2	0 hours per week)?				
If not, briefly state why not:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
5. Do you have any physical or mental condition which wo	ould interfere with v	our ability to function as a Civil Grand				
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Juror? If yes, explain briefly						
What accommodations would the Court need to pr	rovide to accommod	ate your physical or mental impairment?				
6. Education (Circle highest grade completed): 6 (or less) 7 8 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  Name of schools attended and degrees or certification attained:						
7. Clubs or organizations: List any civic, service organizations or any volunteer work to which you belong.						
8. Spouse / Domestic Partner Name: Occupation:						
If retired, list previous occupation you retired from Employer:						
9. Are you or any immediate family member an appointed If yes, explain:	-	• • • — —				
10. Are you currently involved in any litigation (law suits)	in this county?					

11.	Are you or any of your immediate family members employed by the County of Tulare or any school district within the county?							
12.	. Do you have any significant problems reading or understanding the English Language?							
13.	3. Do you have any suggestions, comments or other matters you would like to bring to the judges attention in connection with your application?							
14.	4. Please tell us about any special skills or abilities that you have which the judges should know about in considering your application?							
	Please tell us why you are interested i	n serving	on the Tu	ulare County Civil Grand Jury. (Please attach additional				
16.				which would be helpful to grand jury service (i.e., computer forts, working in groups, or conducting investigations				
FO SE	ould you be willing to serve in ar REPERSON CRETARY MMITTEE CHAIRPERSON	Yes□ Yes□	follow No□ No□ No□ No□	ing capacities?				
Ma	il in or deliver questionnaire to:	Tu 22		nty Superior Court oney Blvd., Room 303				
Or	Fax to: (559) 737-4290							
inv		v enforc	ement a	of the Tulare County Civil Grand Jury are subject to agency as to the statutory qualifications for service and				
	support of my application for seder penalty of perjury that the for			ember of the Tulare County Civil Grand Jury, I declare ation is true and correct.				
Sig	ned:			Date:				

PLEASE RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE NO LATER THAN: April 29, 2016